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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, ORGANIZATION AND PRO-
CEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS.

1. US POSITION FOR FIRST WFC PREPCOM IN PREPARATION BUT
WILL NOT BE DECIDED IN FINAL UNTIL FEBRUARY 8, IN ORDER
PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR REVIEW BY AMBASSADOR MARTIN.
PURPOSE THIS MESSAGE IS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO USUN RE-
LATING TO ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES WHICH MAY
ARISE DURING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4 AS RESULT CONSULTATION
BETWEEN UN (INCLUDING MAREI), REPRESENTATIVES FAO AND
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OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, AND PREPCOM MEMBERS. YOU

SHOULD, AS APPROPRIATE, PRESS FOR ACCEPTANCE US VIEWS.

2. WFC SECRETARIAT STAFF. US VIEW IS THAT TOP POSITIONS (SYG AND DEPUTIES) SHOULD BE FILLED BY APPOINTEES ASSOCIATED WITH GOVERNMENTS RATHER THAN UN OR SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. SINCE SYG (MAREI) FROM LDC, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR DEPUTY TO BE SELECTED FROM DC OR, IF THERE TWO DEPUTIES, ONE FROM DC AND ONE FROM EASTERN BLOC. WE AWARE FAO INSISTS THAT IT MUST HAVE EFFECTIVE CONTROL SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR WFC IN ORDER ASSURE SUCCESS AND THAT FAO HAS OFFERED STAFF MEMBER (AZIZ) FOR DEPUTY POST. WE DO NOT ACCEPT FAO CONTENTION THAT FOR SUCCESS

OF CONFERENCE THEY MUST CONTROL PREPARATIONS. MAIN FAO ARGUMENT IS THAT ECOSOC PROVIDED FOR ONLY ONE DEPUTY AND BY OFFERING AZIZ FOR FREE THEY GIVE SECRETARY-GENERAL TWO. THIS MAKES MORE DIFFICULT CHOICE OF ONE FROM GOVERNMENTS ESPECIALLY SINCE WOULD THINK THERE MIGHT BE ADVANTAGES IN ACCEPTING SOVIET OFFER TO PROVIDE A DEPUTY. BELIEVE SECRETARIAT WITH TWO OF TOP PEOPLE FROM 77 AND ONE FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WOULD BE HARD FOR US TO ACCEPT EVEN THOUGH CHAIRMAN IS FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRY GROUP. IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET AUTHORIZATION FOR TWO DEPUTIES? WE IN ACCORD WITH ANY APPROPRIATE DIVISION SECRETARIAT STAFF BETWEEN NEW YORK AND ROME, BUT BELIEVE SYG SHOULD BE IN NEW YORK.

3. CHAIRMAN AND OTHER OFFICERS OF PREPCOM. THIS TO BE DECIDED FORMALLY BY PREPCOM, BUT PRIOR CONSULTATIONS MAY BE DECISIVE IN SELECTION. US NOT INTERESTED IN POST, BUT WE BELIEVE IT REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT POST SHOULD BE OCCUPIED BY CAPABLE AND EXPERIENCED REPRESENTATIVE FROM DC IN ORDER TO BALANCE SELECTION OF MAREI. WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC CANDIDATES IN MIND AT THIS POINT. US BELIEVES PREPCOM CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE PERMANENT IN ORDER INSURE CONTINUOUS PROGRESS IN LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE. WE HAVE NO PARTICULAR VIEWS ON OTHER PREPCOM OFFICERS. IN CONTRAST TO CHAIRMAN, THEY NEED NOT BE PERMANENT.

4. ORGANIZATION WFC SESSIONS. THIS ALSO TO BE DECIDED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY PREPCOM, BUT NOT NECESSARILY AT FIRST MEETING. WE HAVE REPORT (ROME 1410) SUGGESTING FAO LIKELY RECOMMEND PREPCOM DECIDE HANDLE WFC AGENDA BY USING SEPARATE COMMISSIONS THREE PRINCIPAL SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEMS WHEN MINISTERS ADDRESSING PLENARY SESSION. WE BELIEVE FAO SUGGESTION HAS MERIT AS DEVICE TO INSURE THAT SUBSTANTIVE WORK IN DISCRETE AREAS CAN PROCEED EXPEDITIOUSLY IN LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE AND NOT BE DELAYED

BY SET SPEECHES. WE BELIEVE PREPCOM SHOULD POSTPONE
DECISION ON PRECISE ORGANIZATION OF WFC, HOWEVER, UNTIL
WE HAVE CLEAR VIEW OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. WE HOPEFUL
THEREFORE THAT FAO SUGGESTION WOULD BE PRESENTED IN
GENERAL TERMS RATHER THAN AS PRECISE ISSUE FOR DECISION
BY FIRST PREPCOM.

5. AGENDA SECOND PREPCOM MEETING. THIS WILL BE ISSUE FOR
FIRST PREPCOM TO DECIDE. ROME 1221 REPORTED FAO ASSUMP-
TION SECOND PREPCOM WOULD BE CONCERNED MAINLY WITH RULES
OF PROCEDURE FOR WFC. WE BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT
SECOND PREPCOM BE DEVOTED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO REVIEWING

SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, IN ORDER NARROW DOWN ISSUES FOR THIRD
AND FINAL MEETING. WE THEREFORE HOPE TO FORESTALL ANY
RECOMMENDATIONS ALONG ABOVE LINES TO FIRST PREPCOM.
IF PRACTICABLE, DATE AND DURATION THIRD PREPCOM SESSION
SHOULD BE LEFT TO SECOND PREPCOM.
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